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BEST WISHES FOR THE YEAR TO COME!
HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!!
FROM COUNTLESS TIME
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From Countless Time to all of you who has a partner!
Happy Valentine's Day!!
Please
and they didn't
really love you!

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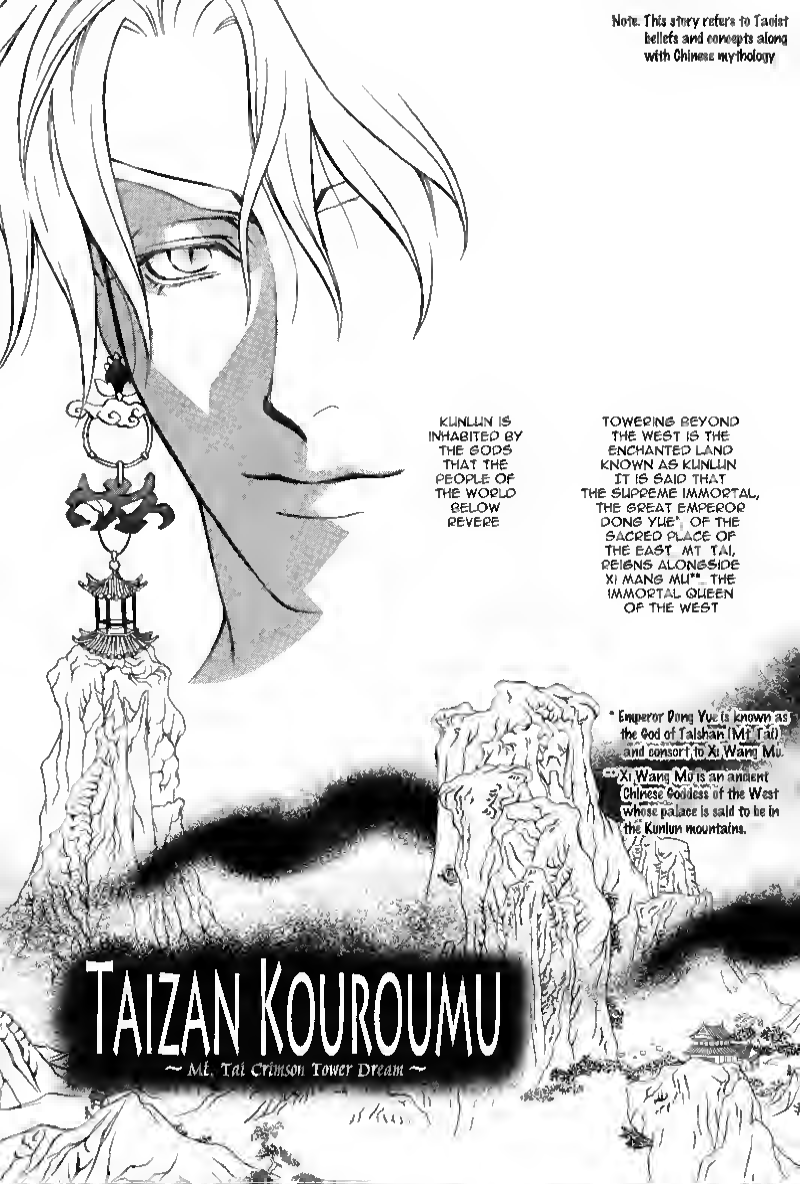

Note. This story refers to Taoist beliefs and concepts along with Chinese mythology
KUNLUN IS INHABITED BY THE GODS THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD BELOW REVERE
TOWERING BEYOND THE WEST IS THE ENCHANTED LAND KNOWN AS KUNLUN IT IS SAID THAT THE SUPREME IMMORTAL, THE GREAT EMPEROR DONG YUE*, OF THE SACRED PLACE OF THE EAST MT TAI, REIGNS ALONGSIDE XI MANG MU**, THE IMMORTAL QUEEN OF THE WEST
* Emperor Dong Yue is known as the God of Taishan (Mt. Tai) and consort to Xi Wang Mu.
** Xi Wang Mu is an ancient Chinese Goddess of the West whose palace is said to be in the Kunlun mountains.
TAIZAN KOUROUMU
~ Mt. Tai Crimson Tower Dream ~

*Sage: venerated for their profound wisdom.
I AM GENBU.
GENBU
FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE GOVERNED OVER MT. TAI AS A SAGE*
A FIGURE? THE ENCHANTED LAND OF SEIKA DOES NOT ADMIT ORDINARY PEOPLE.
COULD IT BE AN IMMORTAL?
HMM?!
HAVING LIVED FOR 500 YEARS, I'VE LOST ALL LINGERING ATTACHMENTS TO THE WORLD BELOW. I WAS ON MY WAY TO BECOMING AN IMMORTAL AS I PASSED THROUGH A SECLUDED AREA OF KUNLUN.
AS I APPROACHED THE SKIES ABOVE THE PROVINCE OF THE FEMALE IMMORTALS, SEIKA,
STEP
.....

HE HAD FEATURES THAT COULD BEWITCH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
IT WAS THERE THAT I SAW HIM
I WAS ALSO BEWITCHED BY HIS BEAUTY
CHII... I'LL BECOME AN IMMORTAL SOME OTHER TIME
YOU CAME BACK FOR US, RIGHT?
LOUSHI* "HUH..."
AND SO, I BROUGHT HIM BACK TO MT. TAI WITH ME.
*Loushi: teacher in Chinese.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME? WHY WERE YOU IN SEIKA?!
YOU CAN'T SPEAK, CAN YOU?
OOH... YOU HAVE EYES LIKE A TIGER'S!
THEN FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL BE KNOWN AS LUU WANFUU

HIS EXISTENCE IS WRAPPED IN MYSTERY. HOW HAS HE BEEN ABLE TO EXIST IN SEIKA, WHERE ONLY FEMALE IMMORTALS ARE ALLOWED TO LIVE? WHY DOESN'T HE SPEAK? WHY IS HE WITHOUT CLOTHES? PERHAPS LUU HIMSELF DOES NOT EVEN KNOW HOW MYSTERIOUS HE IS

HOWEVER, THERE'S ALWAYS A SOLUTION TO SOLVING A MYSTERY

THAT IS

STARE
I'M PREPARING A CHINESE MEDICINAL DRINK
IS IT INTER-ESTING?
THE BOY FROM KUNLUN...
YOU ALWAYS JUST LET HIM PLAY!
WHY DOESN'T HE HAVE TO DO DISCIPLIN-ARY TRAINING?
THE REASON WHY WILL BE REVEALED SOON

I AM ONE OF THE THREE LEADING MARTIAL ARTS DISCIPLES IN MT. TAI
I AM LON SHULUSHA
LON.
THEY WERE A LARGE FAMILY OF POOR PEASANTS
AFTER WE LOST FATHER MY MOTHER AND I WERE LEFT IN OUR RELATIVE'S CARE HOWEVER...
EVENTUALLY I WAS ASKED TO WORK AT A RICH PERSON'S HOUSE AS A SERVANT
HERE IT IS
WHERE ARE WE GOING, MAMA?
OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHILD!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TROUBLE
HERE'S THE CHILD PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM
JUST A LITTLE MORE
THE REASON WHY I CAME TO MT. TAI WAS...

.....
YOU MUST NOT TALK BACK OR DISOBEY!
DON'T ACT STUBBORN LIKE YOU DID AT UNCLE'S PLACE!
FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO LAVISH YOU WITH LOVE!
BE A GOOD CHILD! IF YOU'RE OBEDIENT, IT WON'T HURT A BIT!
BUT IN REALITY...
STOP IT!
THERE, THERE...
I WAS SOLD AS A CHILD PROSTITUTE.
HELP ...!

I AM KNOWN AS CHII LONWEI
ONE OF MT TAI'S LEADING DISCIPLES
MY MISSION IS TO TAKE CARE OF THE SAGE
CHII.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY LOUSHI FAVORS HIM
MAYBE HE WANTS TO MAKE ME JEALOUS
EVEN IF YOU ARE LIKE-ABLE AND CUTE
MAKE SURE YOU BEHAVE, LUU!
.....
WHAT'S WRONG LUU?
LUU!!
DASH
AH, MT TAI'S YOUNG MONKS*? HERE, GIFTS FOR YOU
THANK YOU
*A monk is considered as a person of high morals.

WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE? DON'T JUST OPEN THE DOOR!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU GET CAUGHT TRESPASSING IN PEOPLE'S HOMES?! AH.. THE INCANTATION FOR INVISIBILITY IS—
RELAX YOUR LEGS!
STOP BEING SO STUBBORN!
WHOOSH
CRACKLE!
HEY!!

BOOM!
WH-WHAT?! YOU...
CRACK
CRACK
TAA-REN?!
HE'S BEEN SOLIDI-FIED!
BY A THUNDER SPELL! BUT THAT'S... A FORBIDDEN SPELL!
WHERE DID HE LEARN SUCH A HIGH LEVEL MAGIC?!
WHOOMP!
UGH!!

.....
INVIS-IBILITY!!
POOF!
WHAT?!
DAMN THIS KID!!
SHOULD WE GO AFTER THEM?!
THEY'RE GONE! THEY WERE MT TAI MONKS!!
CAN WE? THAT'S TOO SCARY!!
AH, THIS IS BAD!
THAT KID HAS HE BEEN CRYING?
.....
YOU IDIOT! THEY ALWAYS GIVE US A LOT OF DONATIONS!

HONESTLY, HOW DID YOU NOTICE WHEN WE WERE A VILLAGE AWAY?!
WELL, I GUESS YOU DID SOME GOOD, EVEN IF WE BARELY ESCAPED...
BEING THAT BEAUTIFUL... NO WONDER HE'S BEEN TREATED AS A CHILD PROSTITUTE
SMILE
I DIDN'T NOTICE AT ALL.

LUU HEARD THE BOY'S DISTRESS I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE MOREOVER HE USED THE FORBIDDEN THUNDER SPELL
HIS EMOTIONAL DAMAGE APPEARS TO BE GREAT SHOULD I ERASE HIS MEMORY USING ACUPUNCTURE* ?
THE ONE CALLED LON SHUU-SHA.
NO LEAVE HIM IN LUU'S CARE
I'M SORRY IF THE AMOUNT OF DONATIONS ISN'T MUCH
THAT KIND OF THING HAPPENED, HUH?
IS THAT SO
HE NEVER ACTS SUBSERVIENT TO PEOPLE OF AUTHORITY HE LIVES SELFLESSLY
CAN I ASK WHY?
HE STANDS APART FROM THE WORLD A SUPREME BEING OF PERPETUAL YOUTH AND LONGEVITY
AN IMMORTAL.

*Acupuncture. to prick, using needles specific vital points in the body for therapeutic purposes.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BECOME AN IMMORTAL.
A "PURE IMMORTAL" ACCUMULATES KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO TRANSFORM INTO AN IMMORTAL
ON THE OTHER HAND, A "DIVINE IMMORTAL" WAS BORN AN IMMORTAL.
EVEN LAO-ZI* WAS A "PURE IMMORTAL"
WITHIN THESE 500 YEARS, THIS IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME I'VE WITNESSED SUCH A THING
*Lao-zi was a Chinese philosopher and the founder of Taoism.
FOR A DIVINE IMMOR-TAL,
TO APPEAR IS ONE OF EARTH'S MANY MYSTERIES

IN OTHER WORDS....

WITH PROPER UNION, WEALTH AND LONGEVITY WILL BE ACHIEVED.

WHEN THE SUN AND THE MOON BECOME ONE, AND HEAVEN AND EARTH UNITE.

*Fang Zhong Shu. Taoist sexual techniques.

*TECHNIQUES IN BED

ALTHOUGH HIS OUTWARD APPEARANCE WAS SIMPLE, AND HE SOUGHT NO FAME, HE WAS A BLESSED IMMORTAL LIVING FREELY LIKE A FLOWING STREAM

LONG AGO, WHILE ACHIEVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ASCENSION PENG ZU PASSED SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS ON EARTH WITH THE INTENTION OF ENJOYING THE PLEASURES OF THE WORLD

SEXUAL TECHNIQUES BY PENG ZU*

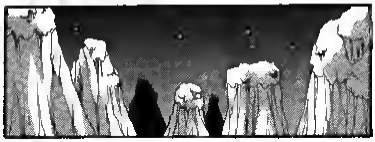
*Legendary figure in Taoism, who is believed to have extended his life to over 800 years through sexual techniques.

Slow
Slow
.....
GRAB!
Shake
Shake

GULP
SLAP!
AH!
Y-YOU— DID YOU GET BURNED?

"I WON'T TELL ANY-ONE"?!
HUH? WHAT?
YOU CAN'T TALK?!
"SO..."

"IT'S OKAY TO CRY"
LIN



HOW EMBAR-RASSING TO HAVE CRIED LIKE THAT

UNTIL NOW, NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS
BUT HOW DID HE KNOW?

SO COLD

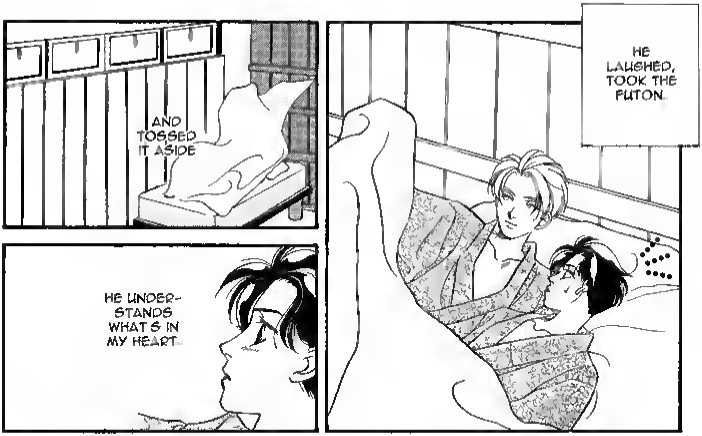
I WANT THE POWER THE POWER TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT MYSELF

UM
WARM
GLOW

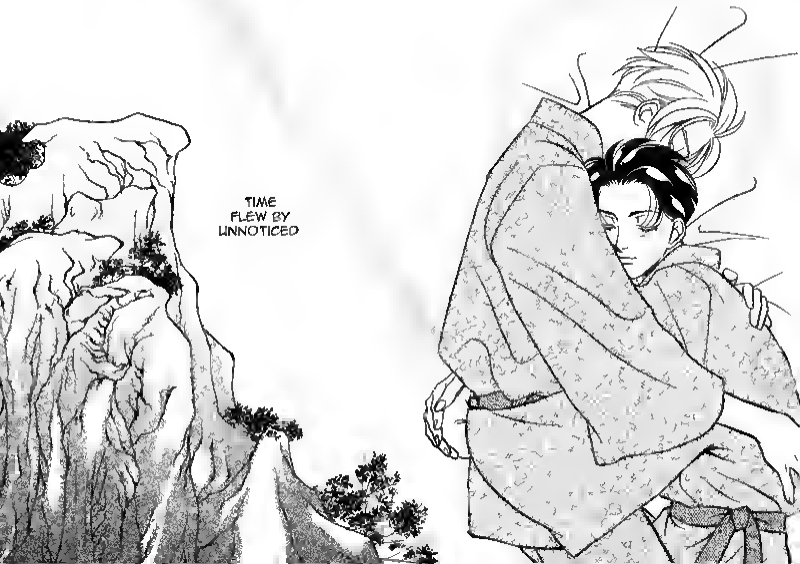
LIVING IN MT TAI LUH HAD SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND WAS ALLOWED TO IDLY PASS EACH DAY PLAYING.
LULU!
HMM?
YOUR EYES HOLD SUCH ANGER
SO, YOU'RE LON SHULISHA?

I'LL DO IT!!
IT WILL MAKE YOU STRONGER
DO YOU WANT TO TRY LEARNING MARTIAL ARTS?
No anger in his eyes at all..
NOPE NO NEED
WHAT ABOUT YOU, LUU?
SNAP
I STARTED TO TRAIN IN MARTIAL ARTS..
IN ORDER TO BECOME STRONG
HE WOULD OFTEN GATHER SWEET BERRIES AND GIVE THEM TO ME
WHILE LUU CONTINUED TO SPEND HIS DAYS CHASING BIRDS AND BUGS

AND THEN...
SPRING CAME TO MT. TAI
ONE THING TROUBLED ME
MUST I SLEEP SEPARATELY FROM LULI?
WRAPPED IN HIS ARMS, I FEEL SAFE
BUT HE HAD ONLY SHARED A BED WITH ME BECAUSE HE THOUGHT I WAS COLD
LULI
IS IT HOT?
IF LULI..
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME, BUT...
SMILE

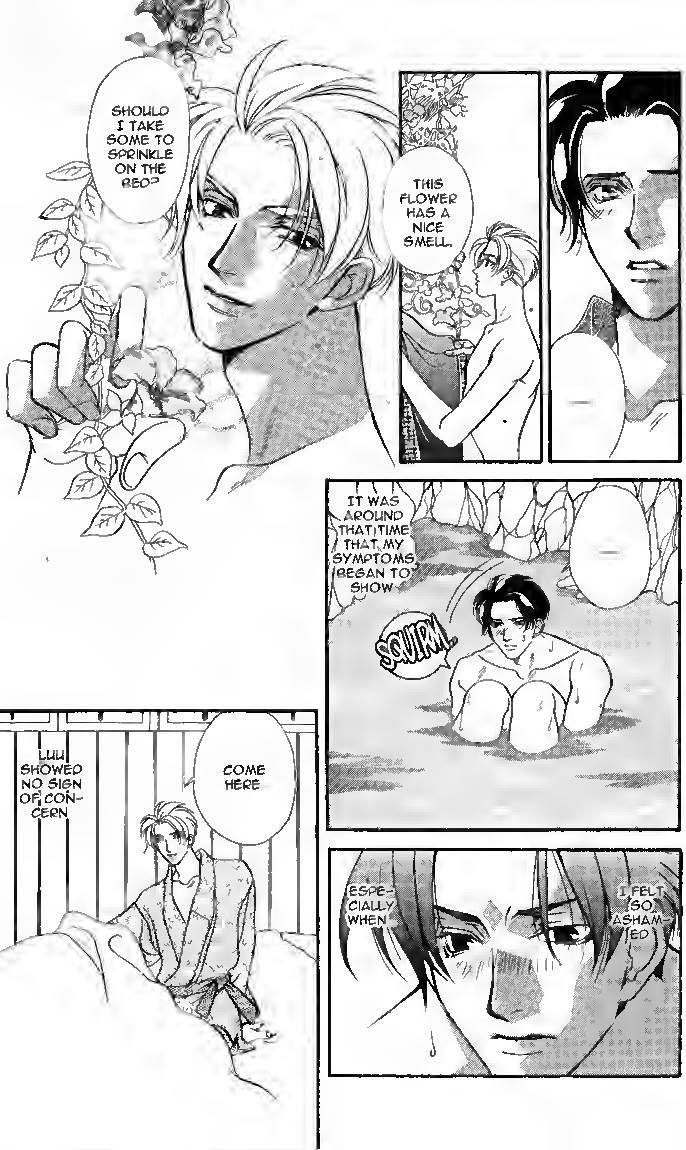

AND TOSSED IT ASIDE
HE LAUGHED, TOOK THE FUTON.
HE UNDER-STANDS WHAT'S IN MY HEART.

LUU...


TIME FLEW BY UNNOTICED

Note: A five-word Shih style poem by one of China's great Taoist poet and recluse, Tao Qian AKA Tao Yuan Ming (365-427 CE).
WE WERE NOT CHILDREN ANYMORE.
"SHAKU SHAKU TARI KACHUU NO HANA"
"It means "A flower in full bloom as if to absorb the new leaves"
LON'S BECOME BEAUTIFUL HASN'T HE?
Harvesting Ingredients
AS A MARTIAL ARTS STUDENT, HE'S BY FAR THE BEST
HE'S IMPROVED TREMENDOUSLY
LONNN!!
DAMN I'M ALL SWEATY NOW FROM CHASING THE BIRDS.
LUU STARTED TO SPEAK

SO, WHAT? UNLIKE YOU, I WASN'T PLAYING AROUND. I WAS TRAINING!
AH, YOU'RE SWEATY TOO?
LULI!
AHA-HAHA!
SPLASH!
GRAB
LET'S GO BATHE IN THE WATER!
OUR CLOTHES ARE SOAKED NOW!
THEY'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS WE HANG THEM UP TO DRY


SHOULD I TAKE SOME TO SPRINKLE ON THE BED?
THIS FLOWER HAS A NICE SMELL.
IT WAS AROUND THAT TIME THAT MY SYMPTOMS BEGAN TO SHOW
SQUIRM
COME HERE
LUU SHOWED NO SIGN OF CONCERN
ESPECIALLY WHEN
I FELT SO ASHAMED

SQUEEZE!
I NEVER WANTED HIM TO KNOW
NOO
AAH NN
THROB
AH
LON LON, YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL EMBARRASSED
IT HAPPENS TO EVERYONE

I SEE
NO MORE WE SHOULD STOP SLEEPING TOGETHER NOW
WE'RE NOT KIDS ANYMORE
I UNDER-STAND
SOON AFTER LAOSHI APPROACHED LUU AND TOLD HIM TO JOIN A DISCIPLINARY TRAINING
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO TRY?
EH?! THE EASIEST THING IS GOOD?!
THEN I SUGGEST YOU LEARN "TECHNIQUES IN BED"
THE HARDEST!
Smile
Smile

LLLL!
LLLL!
EXCHANGE TECHNIQUES IN BED?!
WOMEN ...?!
YES. THEY CAME FROM ANOTHER MOUNTAIN IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE TECHNIQUES IN BED. THERE ARE LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL WOMEN!
LLLL...!

RUNNING
LUU IS
LUU IS
SCRATCH

BOOM
THUNDER? THAT'S LON ISN'T IT?
THIS IS BAD
HIS INSTABILITY IS SHOWING
EH?!
I'M BACK
LON?!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?!
EH?!

CLENCH..!
DOING THAT KIND OF THING..!!
IS THAT WHAT "TECHNIQUES IN BED" IS?!
WITH THAT WOMAN!!
AH, IT'S FOR DISCIPLINARY TRAINING
SUCH NONSENSE
WHAT...?
IT WAS MY DECISION TO STUDY THIS
R
I
S
E

A-AH
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
EEK!
BA-THUMP
GRAB!

THIS IS "TECHNIQUES IN BED".

I'M GOING OUT WHILE I'M GONE, TAKE CARE OF THAT BY YOURSELF
LUU

LON!
TOMOR-ROW.
BECAUSE OF THE DISCI-PLINARY TRAINING IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT I'LL BE GOING AWAY.
I AM IRREVOCABLY IN LOVE WITH LUU
BUT WE ARE BOTH MALES. I CAN NEVER BE EMBRACED BY HIM
"TECH-NIQUES IN BED" INVOLVES "YIN" AND "YANG" IN OTHER WORDS, COMPANION-SHIP BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS ESSENTIAL.
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WITNESS HIM EMBRACE A WOMAN!

I WAS ALWAYS THE ONE BESIDE HIM..
CRA-
-CKLE
THUN-DER!!
ROAAAR
SUCH TREMEN-DOUS POWER!
HE'S VERY UN-STA-BLE..
IF THIS CONTINUES, LIVES MAY BE LOST..
THAT CAN'T BE! LOUSHI, WITH YOUR POWER
IT'S HIS HATRED SOLIDI-FYING AND WEIGHING ON HIS MIND. THERE'S NO TELLING HOW THIS WILL AFFECT OTHER PEOPLE
I'M THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS THINKING 'BOUT LUU!!
EVERY WOMAN HE HAS EVER EMBRACED..

SIGH
SO TIRED
..CAN JUST DIE!!
..
UUU
..UUU
ANOTHER YEAR P..SSED

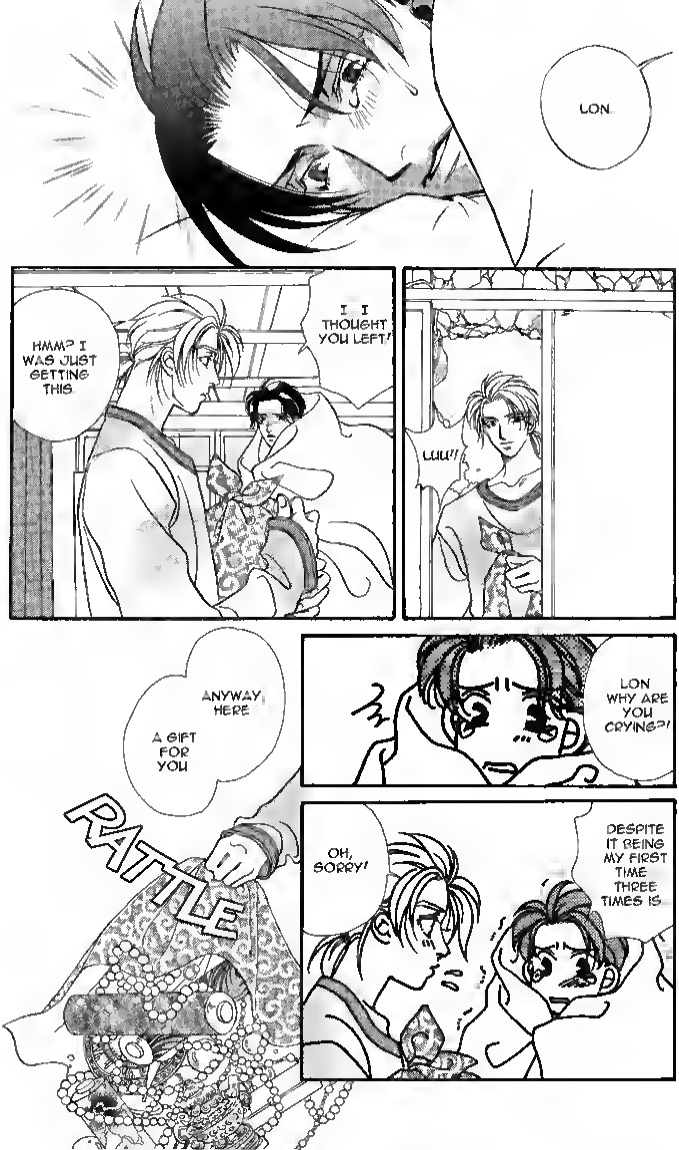
CLATTER!
RATTLE
IS IT THE WIND?!
RATTLE
LULU?!
IS THIS A DREAM?
!!
WHAT'S WRONG, LULU?!
JERK!
COME HERE!

RIP
WH-WHAT ARE YOU
JUMP!
SWISH!!
UGH!

CRASH!
WHOOSH!
WHIP!
WHIP!
I'M BACK LON
HOW
HE'S STRONGER THAN ME!

Taishan Kouroumu
CREAK!
CREAK!
CREAK!
UWA-AHH!!
NO WAY
AHH...
AH!
AH
UUU...!!

HOW COULD I HAVE LOST TO HIS "TECHNIQUES IN BED"? A MAN LIKE ME
UGH
SIGH
UGH
OR WAS HE JUST DEPRAVED?
WAS HE SIMPLY CURIOUS?
SOB
SOMEWHERE ELSE AGAIN.
HE'S GONE
LUU
I LOVE YOU


LON
I I THOUGHT YOU LEFT!
HMM? I WAS JUST GETTING THIS
LULU!!
LON WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!
ANYWAY, HERE
A GIFT FOR YOU
RATTLE
OH, SORRY!
DESPITE IT BEING MY FIRST TIME THREE TIMES IS

LON, I WANT YOU TO BE MY LOVER
?!
I MIGHT BE RUSHING AND DOING THINGS IN REVERSE ORDER BUT..
CAN YOU MAKE THIS INTO CLOTHING? SHOW ME HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE!
YOU WERE ALWAYS ON MY MIND
DURING A "TECHNIQUES IN BED" CONTEST, I ROBBED MY PARTNER IN ORDER TO SEE YOU DRESSED UP
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU

THESE ARMS THAT EMBRACE ME, YOUR EYES AND YOUR VOICE...
MY LON... IS IT OKAY IF I CALL YOU THAT?
IF I'M DREAMING, THEN I NEVER WANT TO WAKE UP.
CALL ME THAT AGAIN
MY LON...
NOW THEN I'M GOING TO GO AND TRY TO SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH LOUSHI
Y- YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM YET?!
I WANTED TO SEE YOU SO BADLY THAT I RAN ACROSS FIVE MOUNTAIN RIDGES AND RIVERS!
WITHOUT STOPPING!

REALLY, HE IS...
LUU—
I BECAME LUU'S LOVER
HAVE YOU MASTERED "TECHNIQUES IN BED"?
I HAVE BECOME INTIMATE WITH LON
Loushi, Normal state.
I HAVE ONE MORE REPORT TO MAKE

*Note: Legendary Chinese Taoist figure said to have lived more than 800 years by extracting female "Yin" energy through sexual intercourse, and using it to supplement his male "Yang".

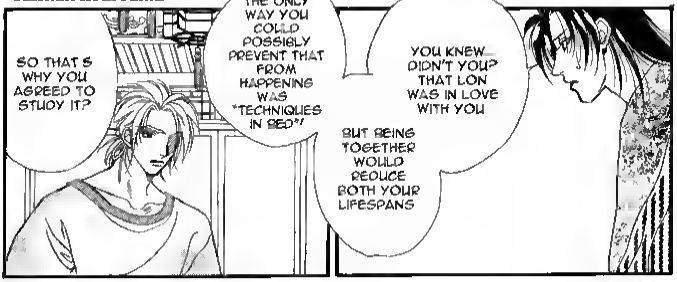
HOW? YOU AND LON ARE BOTH MALE AND "TECHNIQUES IN BED" NEEDS "YIN" AND "YANG"?
"PENG ZU'S TEACHING IS JUST A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE
ITS POWER IS BEYOND WHAT WE KNOW

▲ Loushi: Agitated state.

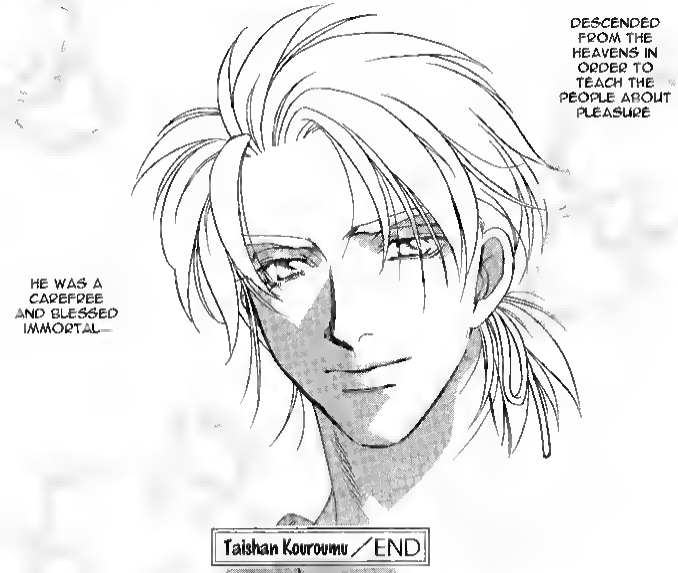
*Chi = one's energy or vitality
**Tandien= point below the navel where one's chi resides

USING THIS METHOD, LON CAN ALSO ACQUIRE LONGEVITY
I WAS ABLE TO SIPHON LON'S "CHI" INTO MY "TANDEN"** BY INTENSIFYING IT TO ITS UTMOST DURING SEXUAL INTERCOURSE THEN I SIMPLY LET IT CIRCULATE AND RETURN TO LON AGAIN

SWISH...
I FEEL REVITAL-IZED!
HIS INSTABILITY IS GONE!
BOOM!!
WHAT A MAGNI-FICENT THUN-DER!
IT'S LON!
FOOTSTEPS
IS IT BECAUSE OF YOU, LIU?


SO THAT'S WHY YOU AGREED TO STUDY IT?
THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD POSSIBLY PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING WAS "TECHNIQUES IN BED"!
BUT BEING TOGETHER WOULD REDUCE BOTH YOUR LIFESPANS
YOU KNEW... DIDN'T YOU? THAT LON WAS IN LOVE WITH YOU

PENG ZU, THE FATHER OF "TECHNIQUES IN BED"...
Smirk
AM I RIGHT, LUU?


DESCENDED FROM THE HEAVENS IN ORDER TO TEACH THE PEOPLE ABOUT PLEASURE
HE WAS A CAREFREE AND BLESSED IMMORTAL...
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